

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 August 1957		2. LOCATION NW of Victoria, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/1627Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION or 4-5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver object, shape of isosceles triangle, base approx 1/2 to 1/3 as long as legs of triangle. Could be covered by golf ball held at arms' length. Small vapor trail. Attn drawn by its high speed, which source described as twice as fast as F-100 series a/c.				11. COMMENTS Probably a/c with illusion of greater speed due to effects of trying to observe fast moving objects through a sky half covered with clouds and early morning sun's slant rays interplaying between a/c and clouds.	



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Headquarters  
450TH FIGHTER-DAY WING  
United States Air Force  
Foster Air Force Base, Texas

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14 August 1957

SUBJECT: UFOB Report

TO: Commander  
Air Defense Command  
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

Following report compiled in accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 7.d.

(1) Description of the object

(a) Isosceles triangle, base of triangle approximately  $1/2$  to  $1/3$  as long as legs of triangle.

(b) Object could be covered by a golf ball held at arms length from the observer.

(c) Silver

(d) One

(e) Not applicable

(f) None

(g) Small amount of visible vapor from tail of object. Vapor visible against sunlit clouds.

(h) None

(i) None

(2) Description of course of object

(a) Observer's attention attracted to object due to high speed of flight which observer describes as twice as fast as F-100C aircraft.

(b) Object first sighted southeast of observer  $75^{\circ}$ - $80^{\circ}$  at an estimated altitude of four to five thousand feet.

(c) Same as "b".

(d) Object pursued a southeasterly course straight and level for three seconds, began to climb  $85^{\circ}$  to  $90^{\circ}$  and at the same time bank

Looking almost  
into the sun  
(see sun's position at  
the time)



*Typical aircraft maneuvers*

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to the left so that the objects undersides were presented to observer. Object continued climbing and disappeared in clouds.

(e) See "(d)" above

(f) Four or five seconds ←

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground - visual

(b) None

(c) Not applicable

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 12 1627Z August 1957

1627 - 8 = 8:27 AM

(b) Day ✓

(5) Locations of observer: FHJP 0156

See area chart # 469,  
area has considerable  
a/c activity.

(6) Identifying information of all observer

(a) Mr. [redacted] estimate 35 years, [redacted]  
Employee of Southern Pacific Railway Com-  
pany. Observer has four years active service with the Air Force as  
an administrative officer. ← *Not intended to make him a qualified  
observer of aerial phenomena. Many of these  
people wear  
glasses and  
they are  
just like  
the type  
of "close  
look" they  
do.*

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Numerous bright cumulus clouds ← **CLUE!**

(b) Report by Foster Air Force Base Weather Office of winds aloft -

Surface SE at 8 kts  
6,000 ft 190° at 15 kts  
10,000 ft 111° at 12 kts  
16,000 ft 160° at 3 kts  
20,000 ft 180° at 10 kts  
30,000 ft 320° at 4 kts  
50,000 ft 080° at 17 kts  
80,000 ft 080° at 21 kts

(c) 4,000 feet and scattered



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(d) 13 miles

(e) 5/10 cumulus

(f) Buildup in all quadrants

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: None.

(9) Interception or identification action taken: 818th AC&W Squadron at Foster Air Force Base, Texas reports negative traffic, of characteristics mentioned in this report, in area at time of sighting of object.

(10) Location of ~~any~~ air traffic in the area at time of sighting: Unknown number of F-100C aircraft in area at time of sighting. No pilot reports of unusual air activity received by this organization.

(11) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting:

Object possibly F-102 aircraft as wing planform shape approximates that of the F-102. High rate of speed as reported by observer possibly due to low altitude of object. Tight turn and rapid rate of climb appear superior characteristics to any known USAF operational aircraft.

Preparing officer holds position of Wing Intelligence Officer of this organization.

(12) Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs: None.

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